END OF A DAY

END OF AN ERA

Some may become angry upon reading the title of this booklet. In our opinion, this fire truly marks the end of an era, the era of a flourishing Carnegie. The school still moves on, although something is missing, something besides a building.

SPECIFICATIONS

Of the Material to be Used in the Erection of

A Building to be known as

Carnegie Hall.

TO BE ERECTED FOR

The Board of Trustees of the

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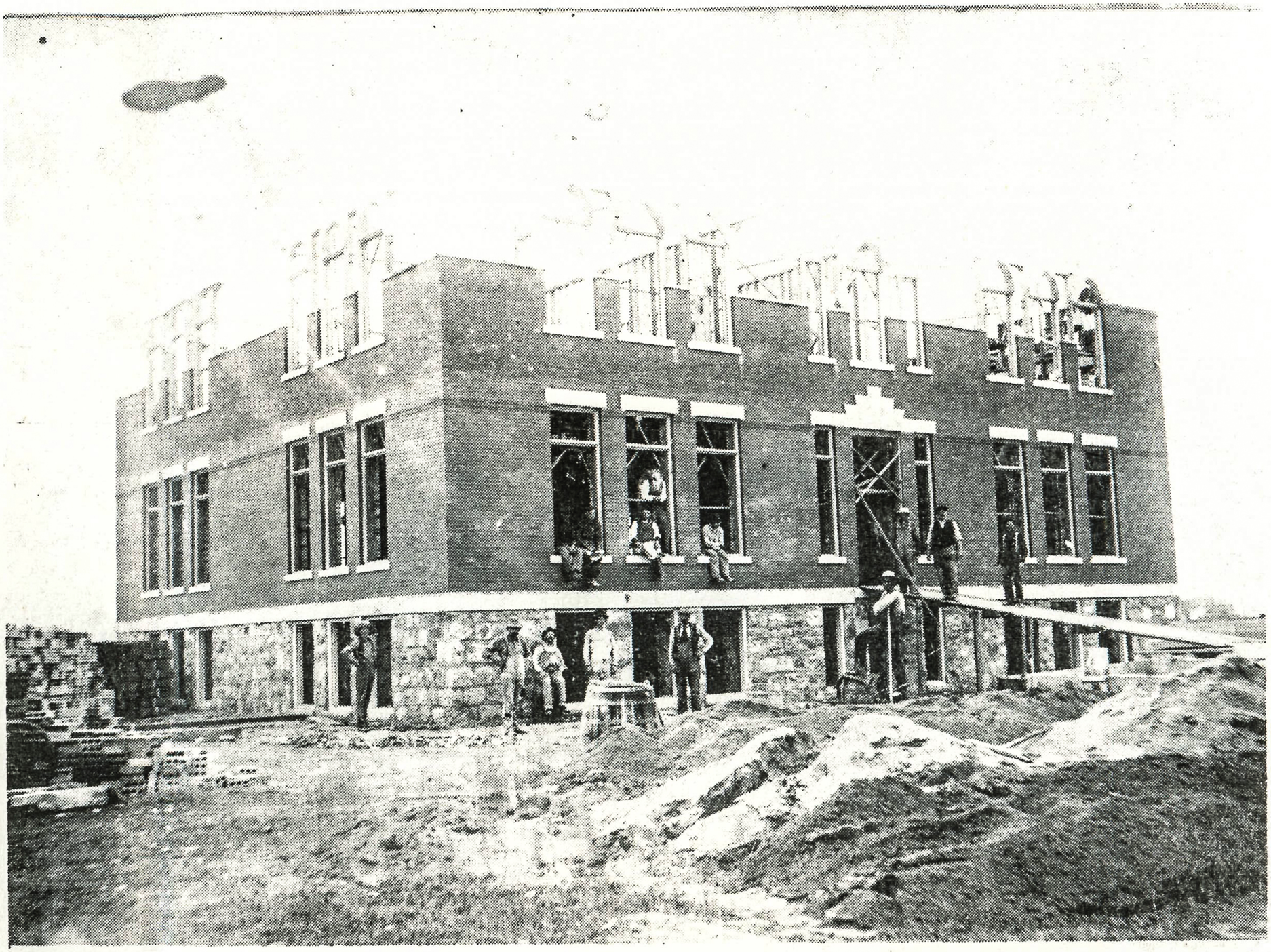

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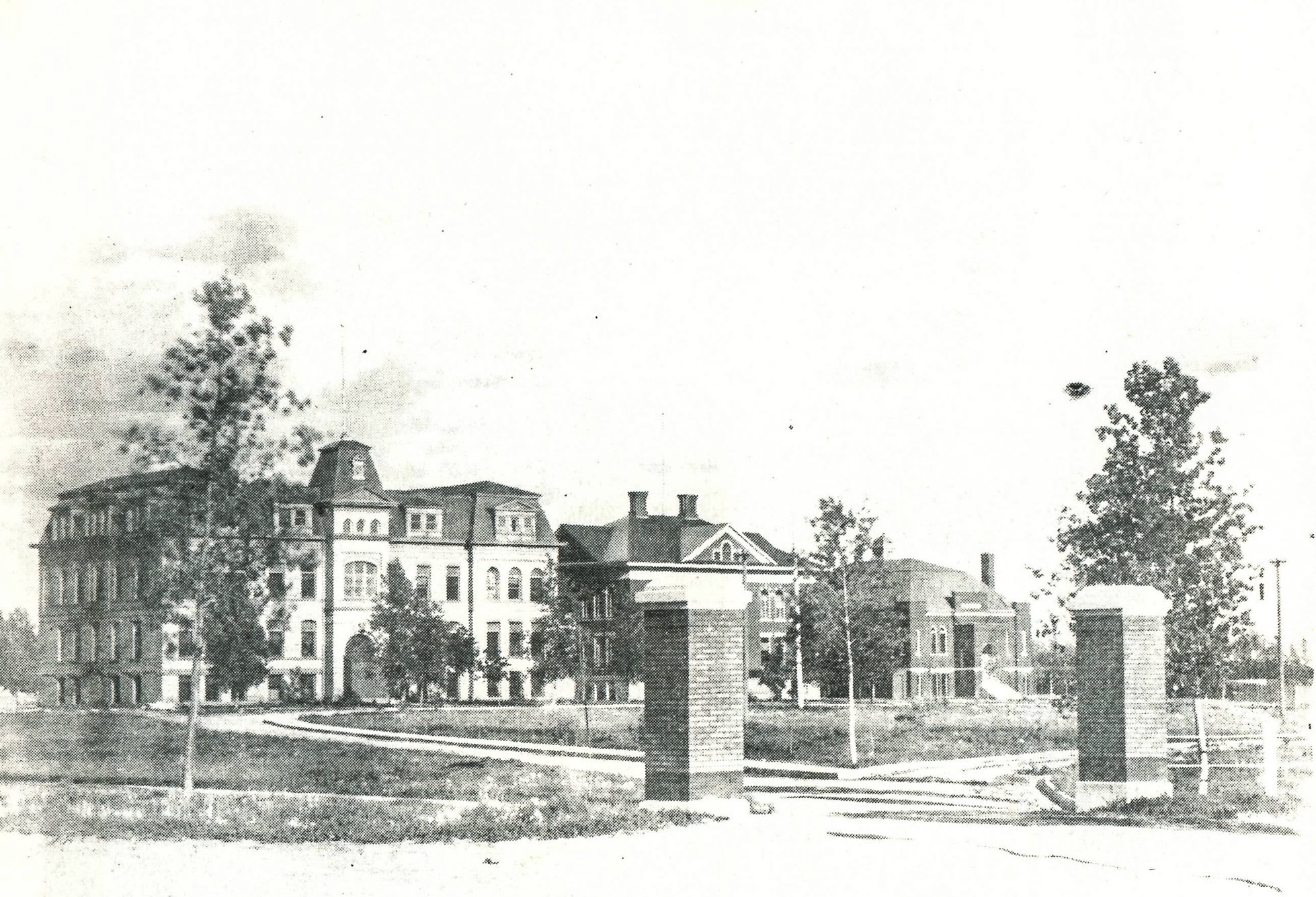

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Tragedy

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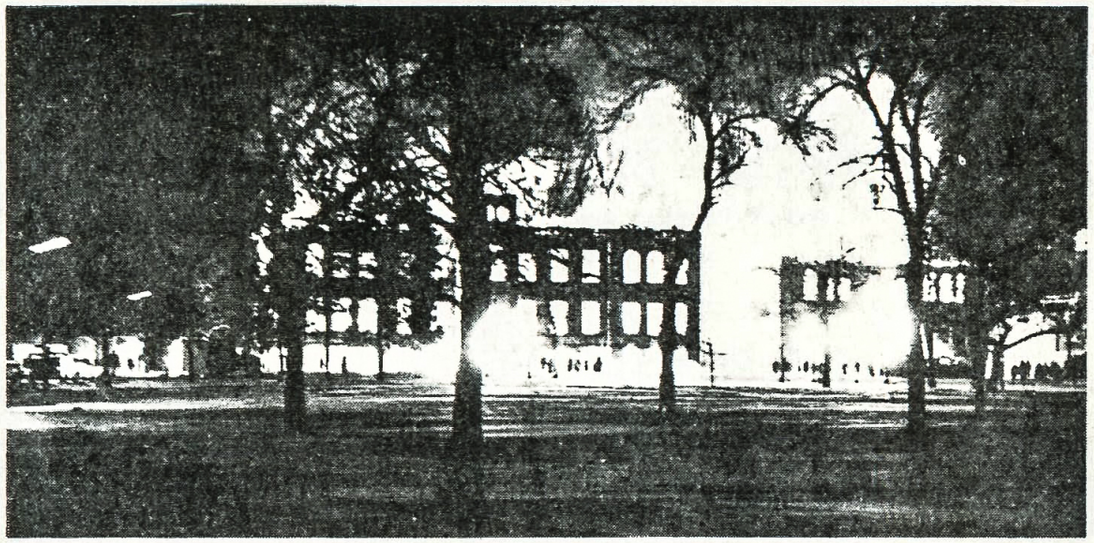
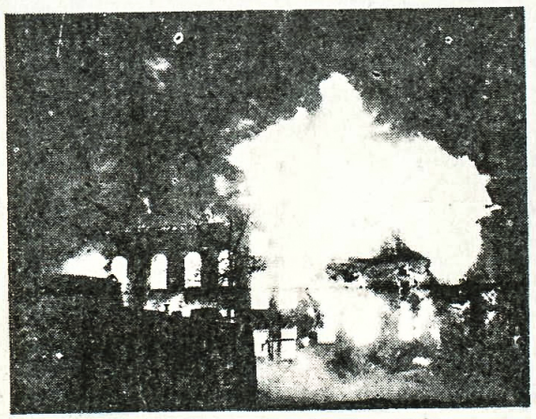
Fire Gutted 2 Buildings On UND-EB Campus Friday



THIS PICTURE was taken at the height of the fire. It was taken from in front of Dean Andresen's residence.



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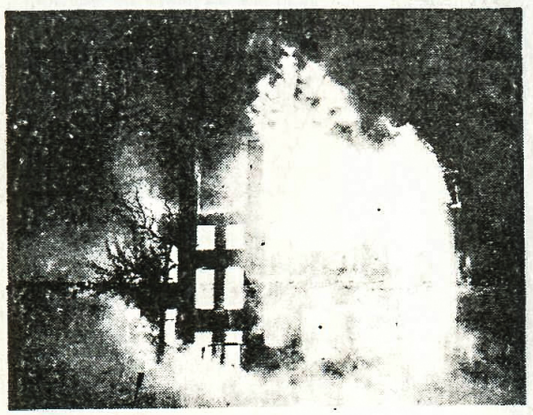


TAKEN FROM behind Carnegie Hall seconds after the wall crumbled.

Public Meeting To Be Held Tonight

Before the smoldering from the fire which destroyed two of the main buildings on the UND-EB campus had died, Dean M. W. Andresen started the wheels rolling to erect a student center building on the campus. The Dustie Den, which served as the student center, was housed in the Home Ec building.

Dean Andresen announced his intentions publicly at the regular meeting of the Ellendale Civic association on Monday night and Civic association members immediately extended a helping hand by appointing a committee to plan the program for a public meeting to be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the fieldhouse, on campus. Appointed to the committee were Bob Hughes, Al Gimbel and Ted Speidel.

Gimbel will serve as master of ceremonies at the meeting. Tentatively, the program has been set as follows: Dean Andresen will elaborate the state situation; J. B. Graham, president of the Foundation will talk on "What Are Your Plans;" and Mayor Earl Redlin will also give a short talk.

A letter has been sent out with the school children. It stated: "On Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p. m. a public meeting will be held at the EB fieldhouse. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports from the EB administration, College Foundation and community leaders regarding the status of the school. Many rumors are floating around—come and get the facts and join in a positive approach to help the college."

The meeting, which needs the attendance of every adult in the entire area, will serve a two-fold purpose in that all in attendance will be informed of the situation. The other phase of meeting will deal with raising of funds in the amount of $75,000 to build a student center building on campus. This amount must come completely from gifts.

Dean Andresen stated that he informal visits and snacks and other activities. Andresen told members that without such a center for students he felt the tremendously high "esprit de corps" would soon decline and as a result, the students would be less inclined to return to this institution for the furthering of education and the chances of acquiring students for enrollment would lessen. He stated, "This is our chance to do something very real for our most vital resource—our youth."

The Dean further explained that we have currently enrolled at UND-EB a tremendous group of young adults who will bend themselves to the tasks we set before them; and, we as a community, should apply ourselves to keep the institution alive, which in turn will help keep the community alive.

Andresen told members in attendance that he felt there isn't an educational institution in the state where students can get a better start. He also explained that many can attend here who otherwise couldn't attend college because of limited finances.

He stated, "I feel confident that we are going to prevail. We are going to meet with the Foundation Wednesday to re-assess our goals and then we need to agree as a community that these are the things we can and will do to keep our institution running."

Andresen reported he started a telephone campaign Monday to UND-EB alumni and thus far support has come quickly and it is an inspiring thing.

The Dean also informed members that by the end of the week a temporary coffee shop will be set up in the basement of Dacotah hall for students, faculty members and college personnel.

After the Dean concluded his report, Earl Redlin, Ellendale mayor, took the floor and stated this is the most important period we have ever had, and that we can and must get

Another and perhaps the most serious crisis in the history of the University of North Dakota — Ellendale Branch occurred early Friday morning, Jan. 9, when an infernal blaze which illuminated the sky for miles, gutted two main buildings on the campus of the 70-year-old institution.

Destroyed in the hellish fire were Carnegie hall and the Home Ec building which was located immediately south of Carnegie and was connected to it by a walk-way.

College officials reported Tuesday that no official figures on the total damaged sustained were available. In addition to the two buildings destroyed there was smoke damage, roof damage and glass breakage to nearby buildings. It is estimated claims for these will amount to several thousand dollars more. It will be later in the week before a preliminary monetary estimate of the loss can be determined.

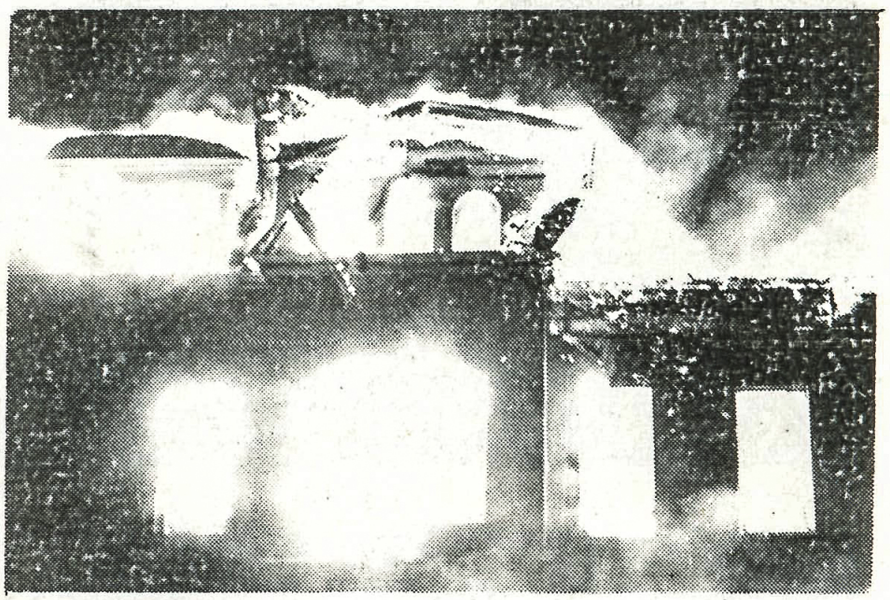
The two buildings and contents were insured for $461,205. According to Vic Steinwand, business manager, this was increased approximately 10 percent a short time ago.

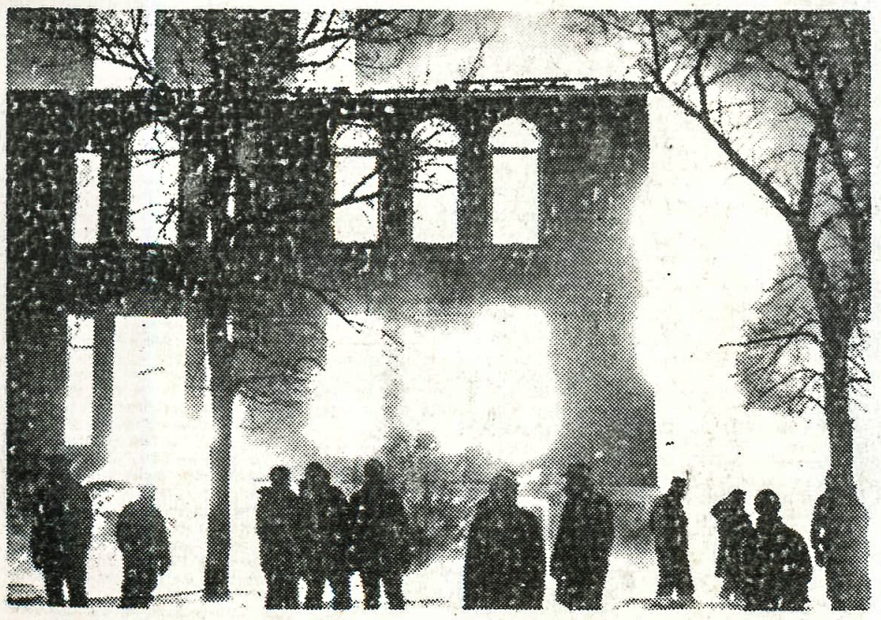
The buildings were insured for $271,219 while contents of the buildings were insured for $189,986. These two figures total $461,205. The buildings were insured on a value less depreciation basis. The insurance was carried by the State Fire and Tornado Fund.

The Attorney General's office has given an informal opinion that the insurance money may be spent by the Board of Higher Education without receiving legislative approval as long as the money is spent on the buildings substantially serving the same purpose.

At this time the status of re-building is not known. All funds for building purposes for state institutions are appropriated by the state legislature which does not meet this year. In the meantime college officials have gone about the task of "making do with what we have," as classes and administrative duties resumed Monday.

The Higher Board of Education meets in Valley City on Jan. 22 and 23 and is expected to consider the situation of UND-EB. The board will determine the future of the school. But, it is reported this will not be a "snap decision." It has also been stated that board members will con-





Fire Destroys Two Buildings

UND-Ellendale Classes Will Be Resumed Monday

By CHET GEBERT
Staff Writer

ELLENDALE, N. D. — Less than six hours after fire early Friday morning destroyed the two oldest classroom-office buildings at the University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch, it was announced that classes will be resumed in other space Monday.

By Friday afternoon, several state officials surveyed the burned out shells of the home economics building and the music building known as Carnegie Hall and expressed optimism that new structures will rise from the debris.

A group of community leaders met Friday night at a downtown cafe and gave Dean of the College Merton Andresen and other administrators assurance of their support for the college.

Support also came from Dr. Laurel Loftsgard, president of North Dakota State University in Fargo. He offered the college whatever equipment or other help it might need, Andresen said.

"This was a most kind and generous offer from a great man," Andresen said.

This brought memories to many of the threat in the early 1960s that the entire campus would be closed down.

Among the officials visiting Friday, Gov. William L. Guy said he "would guess that the Legislature would replace the two buildings."

It was the 1963 Legislature that saved the small college — it had 195 full time students then — from closure after the state Board of Higher Education, acting on recommendations of two independent groups, also had recommended discontinuance as an institution of higher education.

The per student cost of education at the Dickey County institution was the main reason for considering its end as a state college. It then was known as Ellendale State Teachers College.

With this legislative breath of life, Ellendale STC continued as a four-year institution into 1965, when the Board of Higher Education decided to phase it into a two-year branch of UND at Grand Forks.

The present college year is the first under the two-year plan.

Andresen said he felt the visit Friday afternoon by the state officials was "their way of showing moral support for us and to personally survey the damage."

Besides Gov. Guy, other state officials were Dr. George Starcher, UND president; George Sinner of Casselton, member of the Board of Higher Education, Corliss Nelson, state superintendent of construction, and Lloyd Nygaard, assistant commissioner of higher education.

Also on the scene were W. L. Pierce, adjustor for the state Fire and Tornado Fund, which carries insurance on the buildings, and Richard Radspinner, a deputy in the State Crime Bureau.

Radspinner interviewed persons from the campus and

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UND-Ellendale Holds Classes as Officials Assess Fire Damage

ELLENDALE, N.D. — A full schedule of classes was held Monday at University of North Dakota-Ellendale where a fire Friday morning destroyed two old classroom-office buildings.

M. W. Andresen, dean of the college, said classes are being held on campus in facilities not previously used for that purpose. Among buildings used are the library, the women's dormitory and a honor housing unit.

The spirit of students, faculty, staff and townspeople con-

tinued high Monday, Andresen said and added that "thousands of dollars worth of help is rolling in from all directions."

The two buildings lost in the fire carried state insurance totaling $461,205. The home economics building, built in 1939 and Carnegie Hall, built in 1902 and which housed the music department, were insured by the State Fire and Tornado Fund for $271,219 while contents of the buildings, which also housed administrative offices, were insured for $189,986.

In addition, state insurance officials in Bismarck said there would be several thousand dollars more in claims because of lesser damage to nearby buildings such as smoke damage and broken windows, and damage to the roof of the industrial arts building.

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The higher education board is expected to consider the situation at Ellendale at its meeting next week at Valley City.

(Forum Photo)

College and state officials surveyed the loss at Ellendale Friday. From left they are Dean Merton Andresen; Dr. George Starcher, president of the University of North Dakota; George Sinner of Casselton, member of the state Board of Higher Education, huddled next to Gov. William L. Guy, and Victor Steinwand, college business manager.

Sunlight streaks through burned out remains of music hall at Ellendale State College. Other photos page 14.

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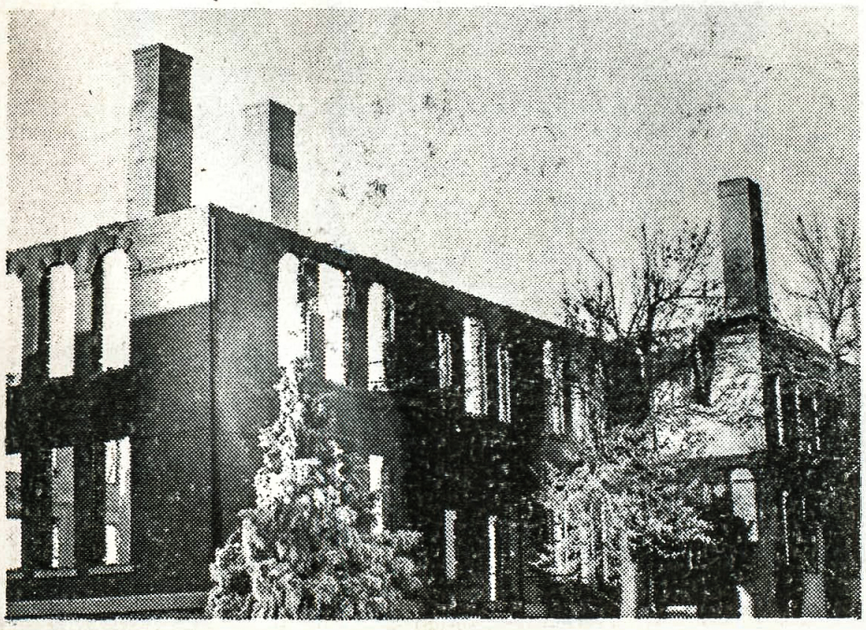

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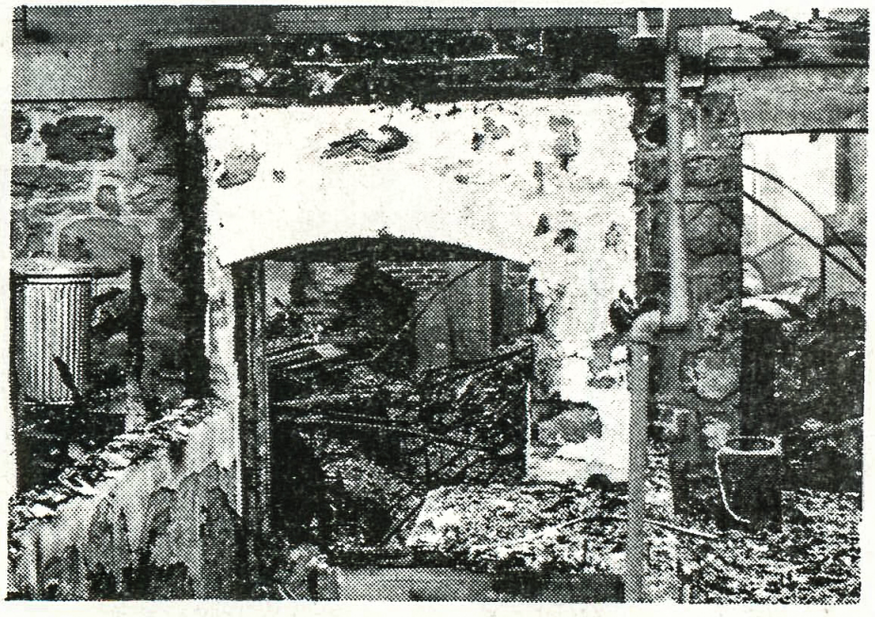

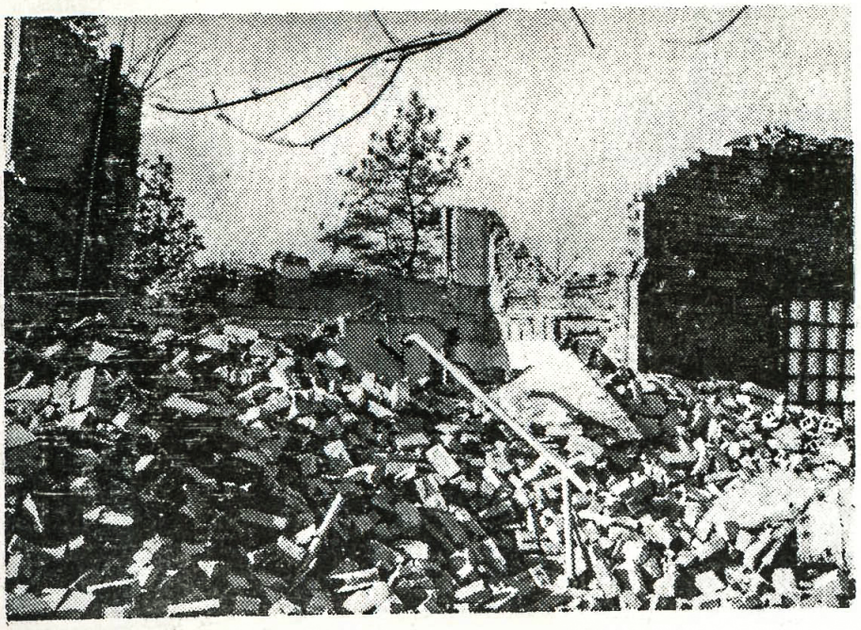

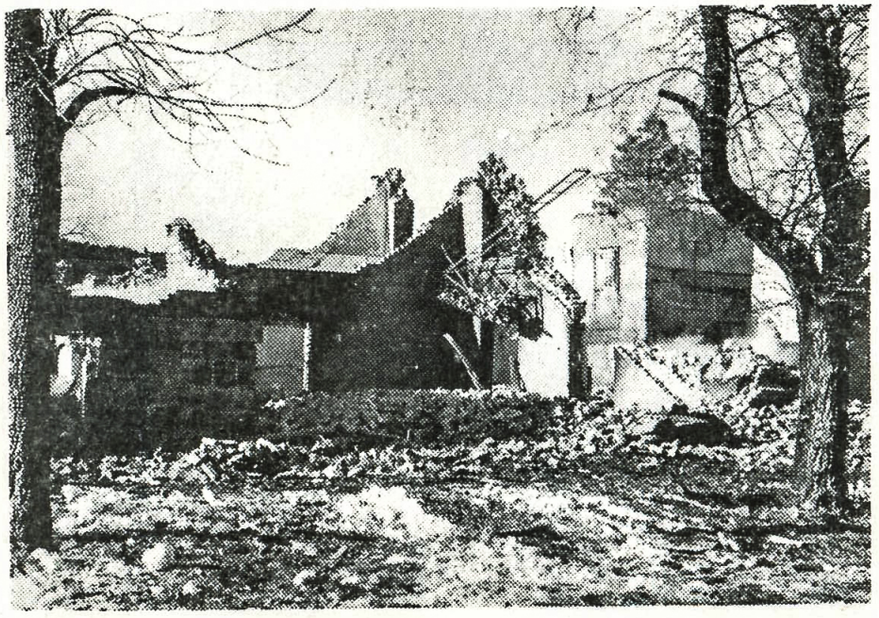

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View of Carnegie hall at the height of the inferno on Friday morning January 9, 1970